

Changing the meaning of verbs by adding the prefixes 'de', 'dis', 're', 'over', and 'mis'

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What is a prefix?

A prefix is a group of letters that is added to the **beginning** of a word to change its meaning.

It is similar to a **suffix**, which is added to the end of a word.

Prefixes are added to a **root word**, a word that makes sense on its own but can also have prefixes and suffixes added to it.

For example, the verb **'take'** can be made into **'mistake'** with a prefix and **'taking'** with a suffix.

Different Types of Prefix

de

Meaning: to take away or reduce.

Examples: deactivate, defuse and deface.

Every prefix in the English language has a different meaning. When it is added to the beginning of a root word, it gives its meaning to that word.



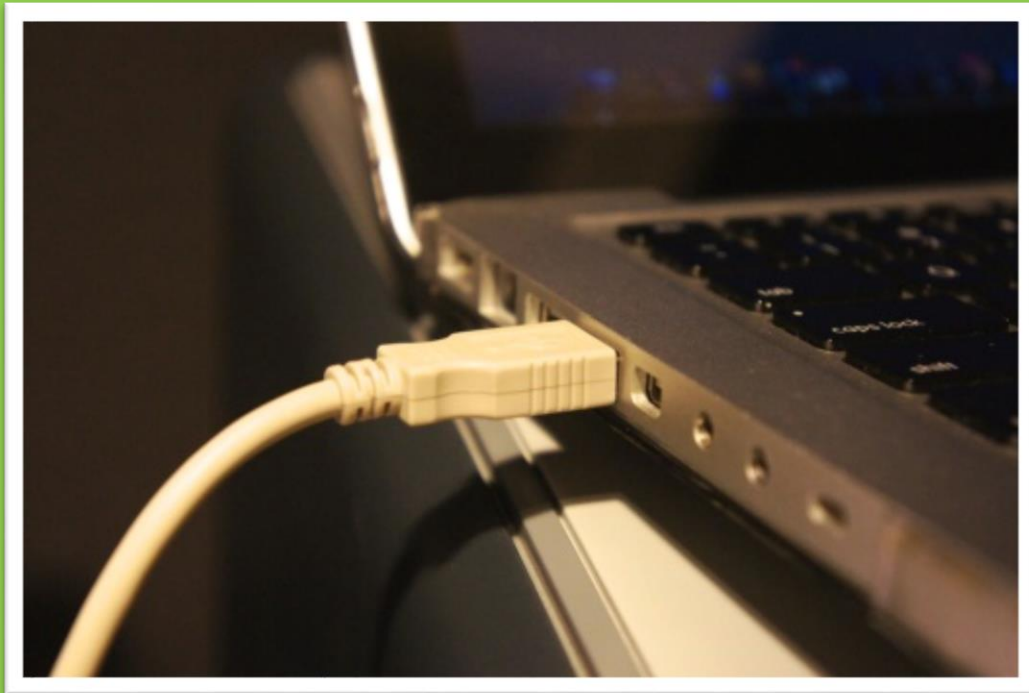
Unfortunately, the village sign had been **defaced**.

Different Types of Prefix

dis

Meaning: to remove, reverse or not have.

Examples: disconnect, disagree, discomfort.



I had to disconnect my printer from my computer.

Different Types of Prefix

re

Meaning: to happen again and to back away.

Examples: reread, return and retreat.



I had to reread the story because I didn't understand it at first.

Different Types of Prefix

over

Meaning: too much and something that is over or on the outside.

Examples: overreact, overtake and overflow.



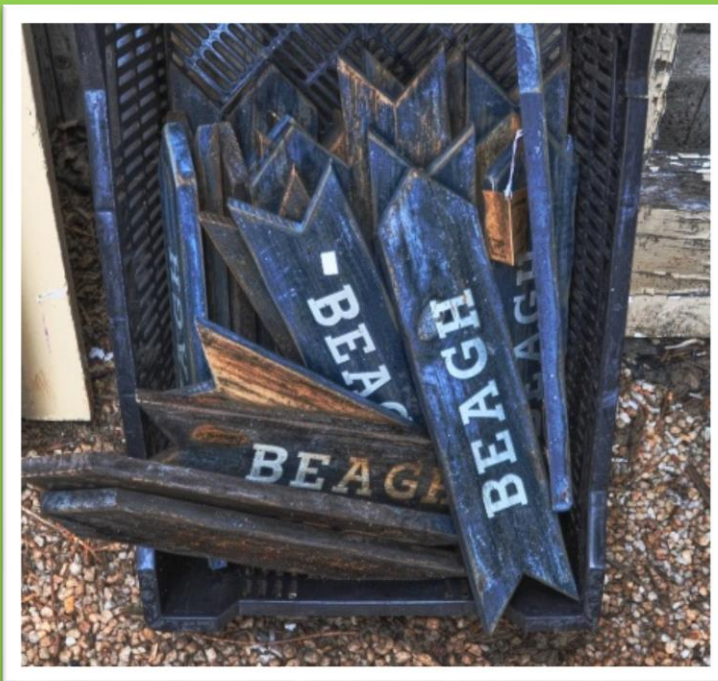
The black racing car tried to overtake his opponent.

Different Types of Prefix

mis

Meaning: wrongly, badly or unsuitably.

Examples: misinform, mismanage, misspell.



The signs couldn't be used because 'beach' had been misspelt.

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